



Tempe Art in Private Development



Kyrene Commons

7303 S. Kyrene Road

Nina Ilitzky Solomon

One Fish, Two Fish, 2007

Manufactured and handmade
tile, DriVit, polymer concrete,
fiberglass mesh, Styrofoam,
ceramic drainpipe

Artist Website:

www.ninasolomon.com

Description: The retaining wall at Kyrene Commons is one long expanse along busy Kyrene Road, so the artist chose to treat it like a Japanese garden pathway: one tile will pick up a shape from the previous tile, alter it in some way, and then expand on it, moving the eye along as people move past. The artist created a tile stream that appears and disappears in various ways along the wall, alternating over distance and adding dynamic movement and interest, thereby beckoning people inside Kyrene Commons.

Artist biography: Nina Ilitzky Solomon received her MFA in Sculpture from Arizona State University and her BS in Art Education from Kent State University. She has created a number of public art pieces in collaboration with other artists and community groups.

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